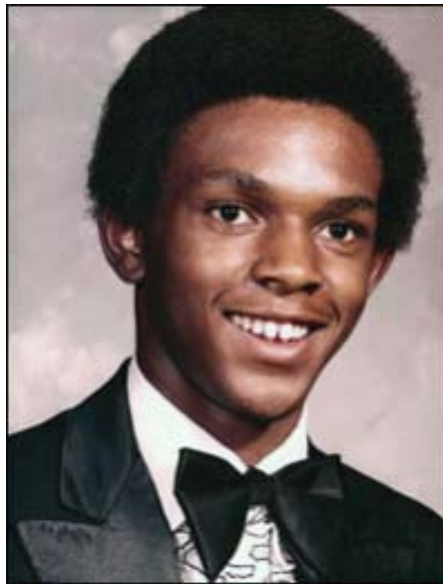


# **Recent Legislative and Rule Changes for Criminal Appellate Practitioners**

2018 Robert O. Dawson Conference on Criminal  
Appeals

Speaker: Holly Taylor

*Disclaimer*



- Tim Cole Act 2009 (\$80k for each year in prison for exonerees)
- Texas Tribune 6/24/16: “Texas has has paid 101 men and women who were wrongfully sent to prison \$93.6 million over the past 25 years”

- Tim Cole Act also established the Timothy Cole Advisory Panel on Wrongful Convictions
- In 2015, the Leg formed the Timothy Cole Exoneration Review Commission to review wrongful convictions in Texas & consider possible solutions



# Timothy Cole Advisory

## Panel/Commission Recommendations

- 11 recommendations related to areas such as:
  - Eyewitness Identification Procedures
  - Mandatory, Automatic Discovery Procedures
  - Post-conviction Proceedings (Amend Chapter 64, Create Scientific Evidence Writ)
  - Recording Custodial Interrogations



- TX Tribune Sep. 2017: “This year, Texas legislators continued efforts to prevent wrongful convictions by passing a law focused on fixing unreliable jailhouse informants, unfair police station lineups and coerced confessions” → **HB 34**
- Author: Rep. John Smithee, Amarillo
- Effective Sep. 2017
- “Texas at this point is the gold standard in innocence reform”
  - Michelle Feldman, Legislative Strategist at the Innocence Project



Find the full text of this and thousands of other resources from leading experts in dozens of legal practice areas in the [UT Law CLE eLibrary \(utcle.org/elibrary\)](http://utcle.org/elibrary)

## Title search: Recent Legislative and Rule Changes for Criminal Appellate Practitioners

Also available as part of the eCourse

[2018 Robert O. Dawson eConference on Criminal Appeals](#)

First appeared as part of the conference materials for the  
2018 Robert O. Dawson Conference on Criminal Appeals session  
"Recent Legislative and Rule Changes for Criminal Appellate Practitioners"